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It's an embarrassment of riches here in the Inland Northwest when it comes to winter sports. There's beauty and adventure around every turn — all within a quick trip from the Spokane-Coeur d'Alene area.

Up in Canada, you've got charming ski towns to match the resorts: the mining history of FERNIE, the Bavarian-inspired KIMBERLEY and WHITEWATER, just above artsy Nelson, BC. There are so many mountains that some resorts have more than one — SUN PEAKS has three (Morrisey, Sundance, Tod), while RED MOUNTAIN has Grey, Granite, Kirkup and Red, with two more peaks nearby and accessible.

Idaho has options north to south. The largest resort in all of Washington or Idaho? Sun Valley? Nope, SCHWEITZER at nearly 3,000 acres. On the way to Boise, you've got TAMARACK with multiple lodging options, a bustling village and year-round amenities. Just off I-90, with a beautiful gondola to the top, SILVER MOUNTAIN has the skiing covered along with apres swimming at their waterpark. And up on the Continental Divide, it's LOOKOUT PASS, with 500 newly opened acres; although officially in Idaho, you can ski into Montana.

Speaking of borders, you can see both Idaho and Washington from the top of MT. SPOKANE, which is almost on the state line. Also north of Spokane, while 49° NORTH is not on the border, its name does point there: The Canadian border is on the 49th parallel. Just below 49, the charming town of CHEWELAH is a great stop before or after a day on the slopes.

Read more about these regional destinations starting on **PAGE 7**, and enjoy this 2023-34 edition of

Inland Northwest WINTER GUIDE!



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ONE BIG, FUN SKI TOWN

From high-end dining to local brews to straight-from-Broadway entertainment, Spokane's got it all. Let it be your home base for an epic ski adventure this season.

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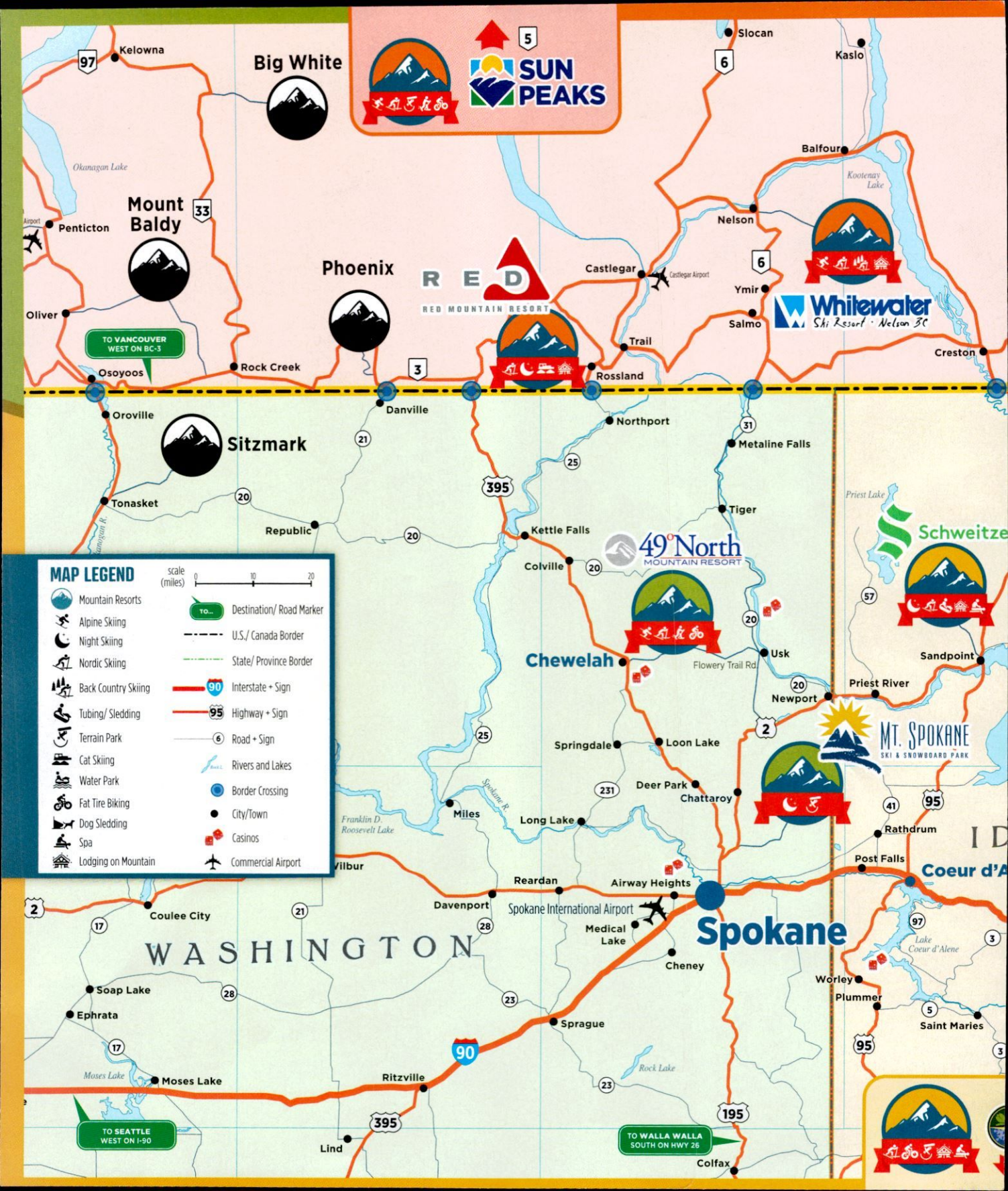
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90 Interstate + Sign
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Casinos
Commercial Airport



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INLAND NORTHWEST Winter Map 2023 2024

LOOK AT ALL THE WINTER ADVENTURE WITHIN A QUICK DRIVE OF SPOKANE...

FEATURED RESORTS:

Mt. Spokane	35 miles
Chewelah	48 miles
49 Degrees North	60 miles
Silver Mountain	70 miles
Schweitzer	83 miles
Lookout Pass	90 miles
Tamarack	281 miles
Red Mountain	124 miles
Whitewater	147 miles
Kimberley	201 miles
Fernie	243 miles
Sun Peaks	360 miles

SEASON-LONG COVERAGE

All through the snow season, watch the Inlander for special **SNOWLANDER** editions, featuring what's new at regional resorts, great events happening across the mountains and features about even more winter sports options.

Visit **SNOWLANDER.COM** anytime for this season's latest news, along with all our past winter sports coverage.

2023-2024



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1933, Vista House on top of Mt. Spokane was built by E.O. Fieldstad, using stone sourced at the summit. Four years later, the Northwest Ski Championships were held there, and in 1947, the Spokane Ski Club installed a recycled mining tram from Wallace, Idaho, as its first chairlift.

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CONNECTED TO EVERYWHERE

The Spokane International Airport keeps growing, with regular connections to more places than ever — including direct flights to even Dallas and Atlanta. Spokane is the second-busiest airport in the state, and it's the perfect jumping off point to the winter wonderland that is Washington, Idaho and Canada. Direct flights from Seattle, Portland, Boise and Everett are a breeze, and downtown Spokane is just 10 minutes away from deplaning.



Schweitzer

TOP 6400 FT
ELEVATION
BASE 4000 FT

SANDPOINT, ID
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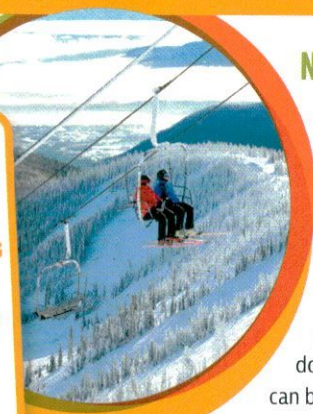
83 MILES FROM SPOKANE

92 RUNS
15% EXPERT
35% ADVANCED
40% INTERMEDIATE
10% NOVICE

10 LIFTS
5 HIGH SPEED

300 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL

NIGHT SKIING
NORDIC SKIING
SNOW TUBING
LODGING
SPA



Schweitzer opened for business in 1963—60 years ago this season. In the decades that followed, this resort in North Idaho's Selkirk Mountains became a premier winter sports destination for the entire Northwest, while remaining family-friendly and hospitable to every visitor. The mountain boasts 2,900 acres of terrain, including two bowls, along with Nordic trails and even snow tubing. Now the largest ski resort in Idaho and Washington, it continues to create new, innovative amenities while offering the same magnificent views of Lake Pend Oreille, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Canada.

NEW FOR 2023-2024

The Creekside Express Chairlift, the first phase of the mountain's long term Schweitzer Creek Village project, is up and running. By connecting the parking areas to the mountain, the high-speed, detachable quad lift will reduce waiting times for visitors by being easier for beginners, carrying more people at a time, and increasing speeds up and down the mountain. Everyone on the mountain can benefit from the new Cambium Spa, open for its first full season. The high-tech wellness center gives anyone the chance to "Rev Up, Reboot, and Tune In" for their winter adventures.

INSIDER TIPS

DON'T FORGET TO EAT!

"One fun way to explore the mountain is to eat your way around," says Sean Mirus, Marketing and Special Events Director at Schweitzer. "For just a quick stop and maybe a beverage break, the Rowdy Grouse is one of our popular newer locations. It's an on-mountain yurt that's a great spot to just grab a quick beverage. Then the Outback near the Stella six-pack is the old historical, traditional mountain day lodge. Or, you have the other side of the spectrum with Sky House, where you can be on top of the mountain and view Lake Pend Oreille and have a fantastic meal."

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Steep hills, good people, and a lake. Schweitzer is a community of fun-junkies looking for a mountain experience that's equal parts inviting and challenging. A place with big mountain feel, small town charm, and shredders who keep it uniquely Schweitzer. **Schweitzer is an open invitation and we should go.**

TOP 5889 FT
ELEVATION
BASE 4400 FT

Mt. Spokane

SKI & SNOWBOARD PARK

NIGHT SKIING

TERRAIN PARK

MEAD, WA
1.509.238.2220
MTSPOKANE.COM

35 MILES FROM SPOKANE

52 RUNS
35% ADVANCED
40% INTERMEDIATE
10% NOVICE

6 LIFTS

300 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL



NEW FOR 2023-2024

Recent years have seen focus on expansion and infrastructure, but this year it's all about improving services and upgrading programs. The snow service team invested in two new snowcats during the offseason — bringing the total to four over the past three years — which will give skiers and boarders access to great runs regardless of the weather. And additional lessons have been added to the catalog, for kids and adults both.

As the closest ski area to the metro area, Mt. Spokane has always been a convenient place to hit the slopes and the mountain embraces that role. Night skiing until 9 pm Wednesday through Saturday gives city-dwellers the chance to ride a chairlift on their commute home from work. The 1,704 acres of skiable terrain are home to six lifts serving 52 runs, deep-powder glades and an ever-expanding terrain park — not to mention the views from Vista House at the 5,889-foot summit. As a non-profit surrounded by state park land, Mt. Spokane takes pride in its role in the community.

INSIDER TIPS

TOP-SHELF TERRAIN

A trip into the terrain park may seem like a daunting way down the mountain for beginners, but it doesn't have to be that way at Mt. Spokane. "We have programs to teach people how to go on terrain features safely and improve their skills. It's very interactive," says Assistant General Manager Jodi Kayler. To make the learning process easier, the Progression Park, where beginners find their footing on the tables and rails, has been moved to a more accessible location. The main terrain park, the region's largest, still snakes down the Hidden Treasure face of the mountain.



TOP 6150 FT
ELEVATION
BASE 4500 FT

Lookout Pass
SKI & RECREATION AREA

ALPINE SKIING
TERRAIN PARK

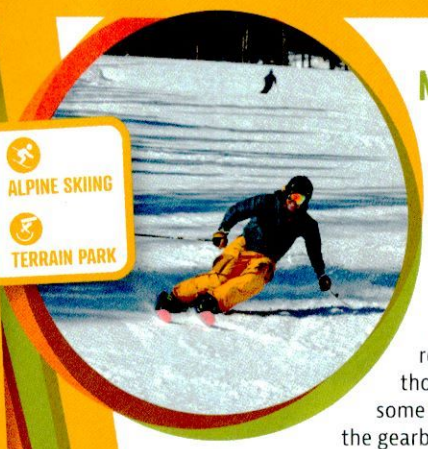
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1.208.744.1301
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90 MILES FROM SPOKANE

52 RUNS
4% EXPERT
38% ADVANCED
44% INTERMEDIATE
14% NOVICE

5 LIFTS
2 QUADS
2 TRIPLES
1 DOUBLE

453 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL



Change came to Idaho's oldest ski area in a big way last winter with an expansion onto the adjacent Eagle Peak. The new addition nearly doubled Lookout Pass's skiable acreage. Like previous changes on the mountain, last year was more of a development than a transformation. Lookout Pass remains a mountain for skiers and boarders from around the region who are looking for a friendly experience and great terrain. It's a straightforward place designed for locals. Throw in that it's also the ski area with the most prolific snowfall totals in the Inland Northwest, and what more do you need?

NEW FOR 2023-2024

Constructed by the New Deal-era Civilian Conservation Corps in 1941, the mountain's original lodge still remains, but as growth has come to the area in the decades since, the lodge has expanded. This year, visitors will see an entirely new lodge building adjacent to the historic original. This sprung structure building with a tensioned membrane roof will provide additional heated seating for those looking to catch a breather or refuel with some food. Over on Eagle Peak, improvements to the gearbox on the lift will cut two-and-a-half minutes off the previously 16-minute trek to the peak.

INSIDER TIPS

LOW-KEY, LOW-COST

Long known for its budget-friendly prices, Lookout Pass is once again offering a slew of solid deals this season. Back again is the "bring a friend" discount every Thursday, excluding holidays, which offers two lift tickets for $75. New this year is a $5 discount on lift tickets purchased by making a reservation, which will also allow visitors to take advantage of the mountain's convenient new outdoor ticketing kiosk closer to the lift. "People making a reservation don't have to wait in the line where other people are buying tickets in front of them," says Matt Sawyer, director of marketing at Lookout.





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TOP 5774 FT
ELEVATION
BASE 3923 FT

49° North
MOUNTAIN RESORT

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SKI49N.COM

88 RUNS
5% EXPERT
25% ADVANCED
40% INTERMEDIATE
30% NOVICE

7 LIFTS
1 HIGH SPEED

ALPINE SKIING
NORDIC SKIING
SNOW SHOEING
FAT TIRE BIKING

60 MILES FROM SPOKANE

301 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL



Voted Best Place to Ski for 2023 in the Inlander Readers Poll, "49° North is looking to hold the area's top spot for another year," says Director of Skier and Rider Services Rick Brown. "We maintain the mantra of creating the best experience possible for all visitors, from first-time participants to hardcore enthusiasts." Committed to supplying consistent conditions and a schedule that guests can rely on, the team at 49 continually seeks out every advantage they can provide to get skiers and snowboarders on the slopes early and keep them sliding for as many days as possible over the Winter and into the Spring. You can see it in the continued focus on vegetation management to clear slopes of tall grass, brush and alder, as well as in ongoing investments in snowmaking.

NEW FOR 2023-2024

It's been another busy off-season with numerous projects in the works, including a timber project in the West Basin and more snowmaking. Crews have widened the corridor for Silver Lode (Chair 4) to create additional clearance between the tree line and lift. The bonus to that project is the additional thinning that's taken place adjacent to the chairlift, meaning this tree-skiing mecca has even more new glades to explore. Snowmaking has also been expanded to include Claim Jumper, bolstering the snowpack on what has become an increasingly popular route.

INSIDER TIPS

THE GOLDILOCKS MIX

One of the best things about 49° North is the mix of terrain. It's "just right," says Brown, and there's plenty of it. Washington state's second largest ski area sports 2,325 acres of in-bounds, lift-accessed terrain. From groomed trails to world-class glades, and from easy green slopes to heart-pumping black diamonds, you'll find that "just right" level of challenge. With novice and intermediate terrain accessible from every lift, there's more mountain to explore for all skill levels.



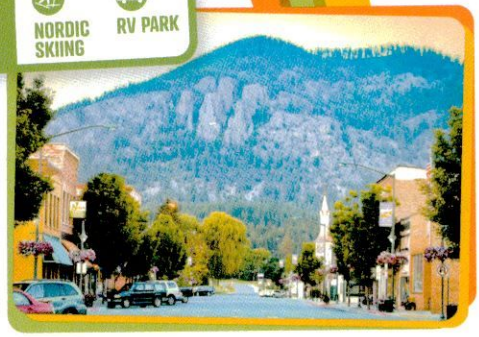
WINTER DESTINATION

Chewelah

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48 MILES FROM SPOKANE

LODGING · DINING · SHOPPING · GAMING · NORDIC SKIING · RV PARK



Known as "Your Place for All Seasons," Chewelah has that small-town charm people fall in love with. Just 45 minutes north of Spokane, 70 miles south of the Canadian border and minutes from 49° North ski resort and the Mistequa Casino Hotel, it's an easy getaway. Chewelah is a dynamic, growing community — more shopping and more restaurants than ever, still with the next-door access to the Colville National Forest. You may find yourself checking on local real estate: There's land available, and it's reasonably priced. Need more information? Stop by the Chewelah ChamberVisitor Center on your way into town.

GREAT WINTER EVENTS

Anytime is a great time to visit Chewelah, but consider their events. Saturday, Dec. 2, they're pulling out all the stops with not one, not two but three big doings. Under a big tent, you'll find the CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIRE, featuring artisans, food and live music. Inside the Huff Memorial Building, it's CHRISTMAS IN CHEW-VILLE, sponsored by the Creative Arts District; get your picture taken with the Grinch and Max! And downtown, you can enjoy CITY SIDEWALKS, with candy canes, carolers and cocoa, along with shopping deals. In late January or early February, it's time for the CHEWELAH WINTERFEST. It's a full day, featuring kids games, sleigh rides, a chili cook-off, a skijoring demo, live music, a beer garden and, being a ski town, there's a rail jam and ski film festival. And any day of the winter, you can enjoy Nordic skiing or snowshoeing on the Chewelah Golf & Country Club; or check out winter hiking or mountain biking on Gold Hill.

REPRESENT CHEWELAH!



Chewelah is filled with charming shops, restaurants and more. The Chewelah Chamber of Commerce supports local businesses like the Yale Press, Columbia Community Creamery, Quartzite Brewing Company, Fired Up Pizza and, of course, Valley Drug, which all offer Chewelah-branded swag, including hoodies, t-shirts and stickers, so you can score a souvenir with truly local vibes.

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ELEVATION
BASE 4100 FT

Silver Mountain RESORT

KELLOGG, ID
1.208.783.1111
1.866.345.2675
SILVERMT.COM

70 MILES
FROM SPOKANE
ONE HOUR EAST

82 RUNS
10% EXPERT
30% ADVANCED
40% INTERMEDIATE
20% NOVICE

6 LIFTS
1 SCENIC GONDOLA

300 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL

ALPINE SKIING
SNOW TUBING
WATERPARK
DINING
LODGING



As the old saying goes, the journey is often better than the destination. In the case of Silver Mountain, the journey is on par with the destination. In order to start tackling the slopes in Kellogg Idaho, skiers and snowboarders must first take the scenic gondola up the mountain. Then, take any of Silver Mountain's six lifts to their myriad of intermediate and advanced trails. If skiing and snowboarding are not your style you can also enjoy the exhilarating 700-foot-long snow tubing hill voted best in the region or experience the quiet winter beauty on a snowshoe excursion. With 300 inches of annual snowfall, Silver Mountain guarantees fun in the snow, day after day after day.

NEW FOR 2023-2024

The recently installed Jackass Snack Shack at Midway Chair 4 will be open Friday-Sunday and holidays and a spacious new sun deck has been added on the south side for free vitamin D refills. The popular Noah's Terrain Park has been widened to allow more features. The mountain house update continues with more new carpet, paint, and remodelled restrooms. Our slopes team has been out mulching and brushing which will open up some previously closed areas. Stay up to date on everything happening at Silver by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

INSIDER TIPS

FLEX ON 'EM

For beginning skiers, the Flex 5 is an awesome way to get into riding. It includes five lift tickets, rentals, and lessons to be used at your convenience. Once you complete all five lessons, you can ski free for the rest of this season and can get a 50% discount on a season pass for the following season. Save big bucks at Silver Mountain by booking midweek lodge and ski packages. Prices as low as $75 per person, per night when you book before November 15, 2023.

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RED Mountain RESORT

TOP 6807 FT
ELEVATION
BASE 3887 FT

ROSSLAND, BC
1.800.663.0105
REDRESORT.COM

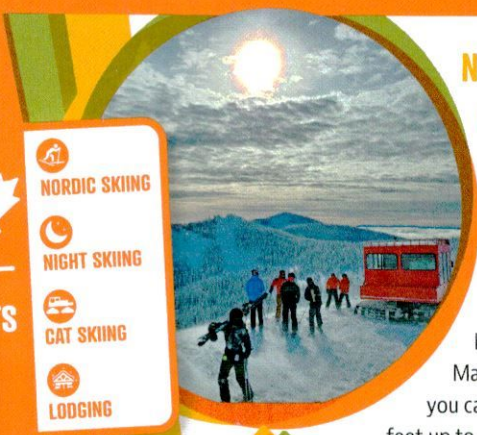
124 MILES FROM SPOKANE

119 RUNS
26% EXPERT
23% ADVANCED
34% INTERMEDIATE
17% NOVICE

8 LIFTS

300 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL

NORDIC SKIING
NIGHT SKIING
CAT SKIING
LODGING



NEW FOR 2023-2024

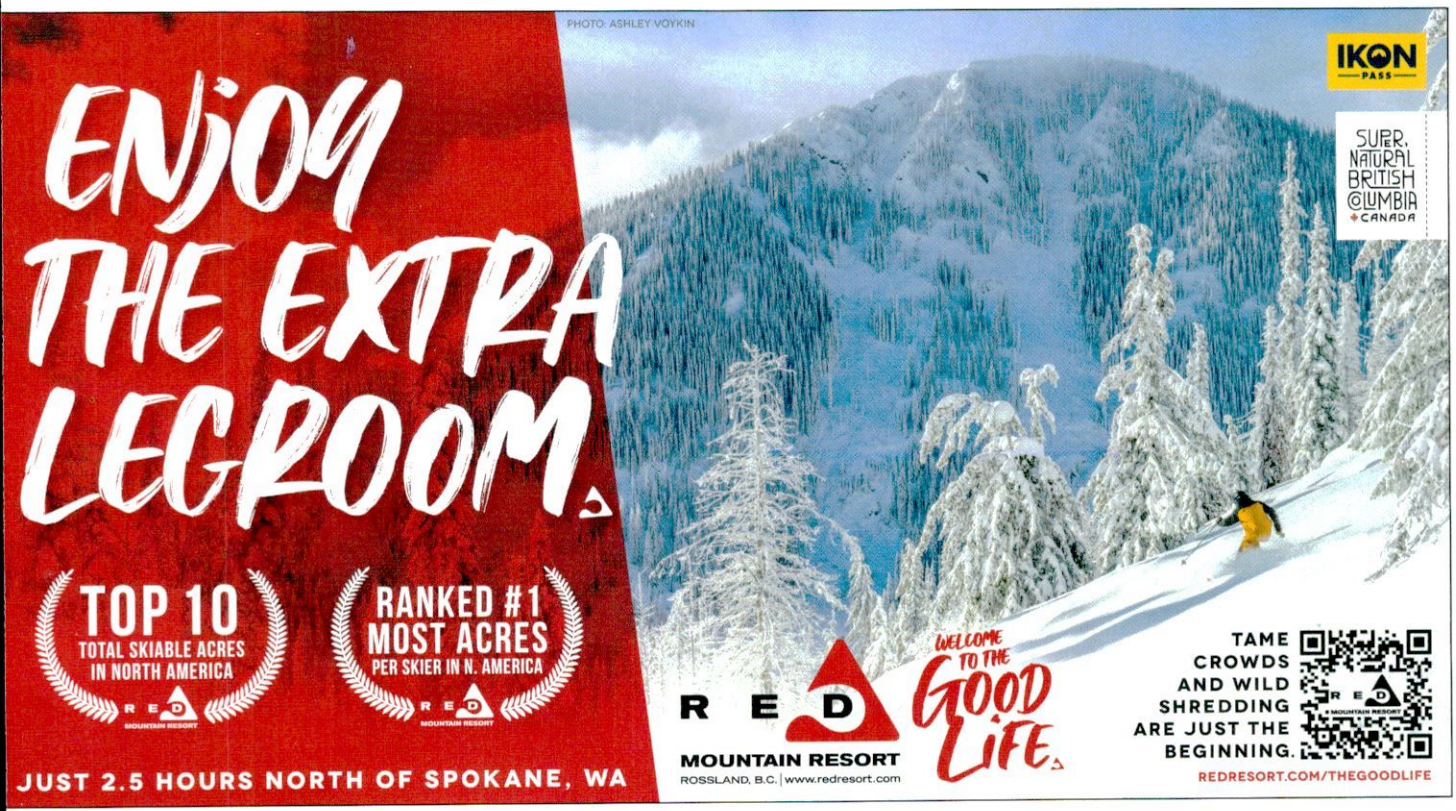
RED has always been known for its epic backcountry skiing — Mt. Roberts, Mt. Kirkup and White Wolf Ridge are all nearby. But for 2023-24, the guided cat skiing experience is back. "For the first time in three years, we're bringing back this amazing, pay-per-run experience for Mt. Kirkup," says Erik Kerr, Director of Sales and Marketing. From the summit of Grey Mountain, you can jump on a snowcat and ride the 2,056 feet up to Mt. Kirkup and its three pristine tree-laden runs spread across 200 acres. It runs 10 am-2 pm every weekend (weather permitting).

INSIDER TIPS

STAY IN STYLE

Debuting last season, the Constella: A Cabin Collective comprises six overnight cabins and a central clubhouse, creating an utterly unique, on-mountain ski-in-only experience at RED. Now with an even more fine-tuned experience set for 2023-24, these individually named cabins dish up a night under the stars, with dinner, baggage transportation, a full bar, games, outdoor firepit and morning breakfast options all at the beautiful central Clubhouse. The Constella has quickly become RED's most FOMO-inducing amenity, as it provides direct skiable access first thing in the morning. "Shred. Sleep. Repeat." has never felt more accurate.

RED Mountain is a place of powerful contrasts. It's the oldest resort in Western Canada, yet also the home of the most significant terrain expansion in the last decade; proudly Canadian yet located only minutes over the USA border in the snowy Kootenay Mountains. You can stay a snowball's throw from the lift at a clean, modern hostel, kick back at a slopeside condo or in a boutique hotel. You'll find famous tree runs, pristine powder, glorious groomers, Ikon Pass access and the only snowbound taco truck in Canada. You'll love the unpretentious vibes and massive terrain — 3,850 acres, among the 10 biggest in North America.



Fernie
ALPINE RESORT

TOP 7000 FT
ELEVATION
BASE 3550 FT

FERNIE, BC
1.800.258.7669
SKIFERNIE.COM

146 RUNS
20% EXPERT
30% ADVANCED
35% INTERMEDIATE
15% NOVICE

10 LIFTS
2 HIGH SPEED

243 MILES FROM SPOKANE

384 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL

- NIGHT SKIING
- SNOW SHOEING
- NORDIC SKIING
- FAT TIRE BIKING
- LODGING



A powder day at Fernie will be the best skiing of your life. Delivering over 2,500 acres of skiable terrain, more than 29 feet of snow in a season, 146 named runs, five alpine bowls, state-of-the-art snowmaking and grooming equipment, and an exceptional beginner's area, Fernie is a true winter playground. Epic snow. Big lines. Vast mountains. A historic town complete with stories and legends. Interesting characters. Passionate people. This is Fernie. Where legendary skiing and snowboarding fuse with real stories from locals, pioneers, ski bums and freeskiers in one of the most classic Rocky Mountain ski towns in North America.

NEW FOR 2023-2024

Fernie has upped the ante with the revamped Polar Peak. Say goodbye to easy descents — there is no longer grooming on these slopes. A new permanent snowcat at the top of the Peak ensures quicker openings after big snowfalls. Plus, Fernie has introduced its first triple-black-diamond runs, making this a haven for expert skiers and snowboarders. At 7,000 feet above sea level, Polar Peak offers a 3,550-foot vertical descent and 22 runs. Six are now triple-black-diamonds, and 16 double-blacks, promising an adrenaline-packed experience. The terrain is raw and untamed, with no cat tracks or easy routes, so be prepared for steep terrain and variable snow conditions. This is a skiing adventure like no other.

INSIDER TIPS

MOUNTAIN TOURS

You want to become a Fernie Insider? A good place to start is to take a little geography lesson, and the Fernie team is ready to help. Every day of the season, the pros at the Winter Sports School offer a complimentary two-hour guided tour of the resort — all its nooks and crannies, the best places to go for amazing grooming and the deepest powder. You must be an intermediate skier or boarder and check in at the sales desk; kids must be accompanied by an adult.

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Kimberley Alpine Resort receives an average snowfall of 13 feet each season, and features North America's largest gladed terrain. Kimberley also boasts the best combination of sun and light Purcell powder of any resort in Canada. With more than 1,800 acres of terrain, 80 named runs and glades and a variety of ski-in/ski-out accommodations, there's plenty to discover. Your experience includes a newly enhanced beginner's area, long intermediate trails and steep terrain for the advanced skier. Located in the Purcell Range of the Canadian Rockies, Kimberley offers stunning scenery and a relaxed atmosphere that lets you make the most of your winter getaway.

NEW FOR 2023-2024

Something locals have known for years is now official: Kimberley is the best small town in British Columbia. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation recently polled its viewers, and the cozy, Bavarian-inspired town nestled between the Purcells and the Rockies was numero uno. That means visitors to the resort of the same name get the bonus of the best town in B.C. — all less than 10 minutes away! Anytime is great for a visit, but the resort and town will be filled with fun Feb. 24 through March 8, 2024, when the FIS Masters Ski Races bring hundreds of racers from all over the world.

INSIDER TIPS

TRY SKIING UPHILL

"Skinning... is the fastest-growing segment in the industry," Nick Sargent, president of SnowSports Industries America, told the New York Times. What is that exactly? It's skiing, but uphill. And if you want to get in on the action, Kimberley is embracing the trend, being the first resort in the region to offer a self-guided up-track, free for season pass holders. Call it up-tracking, skinning or ski touring, it's a wicked cardio workout getting up the hill on skis — but there are fresh tracks as your reward. The Resort has implemented special regulations for all participants to keep the upstart sport safe for all.

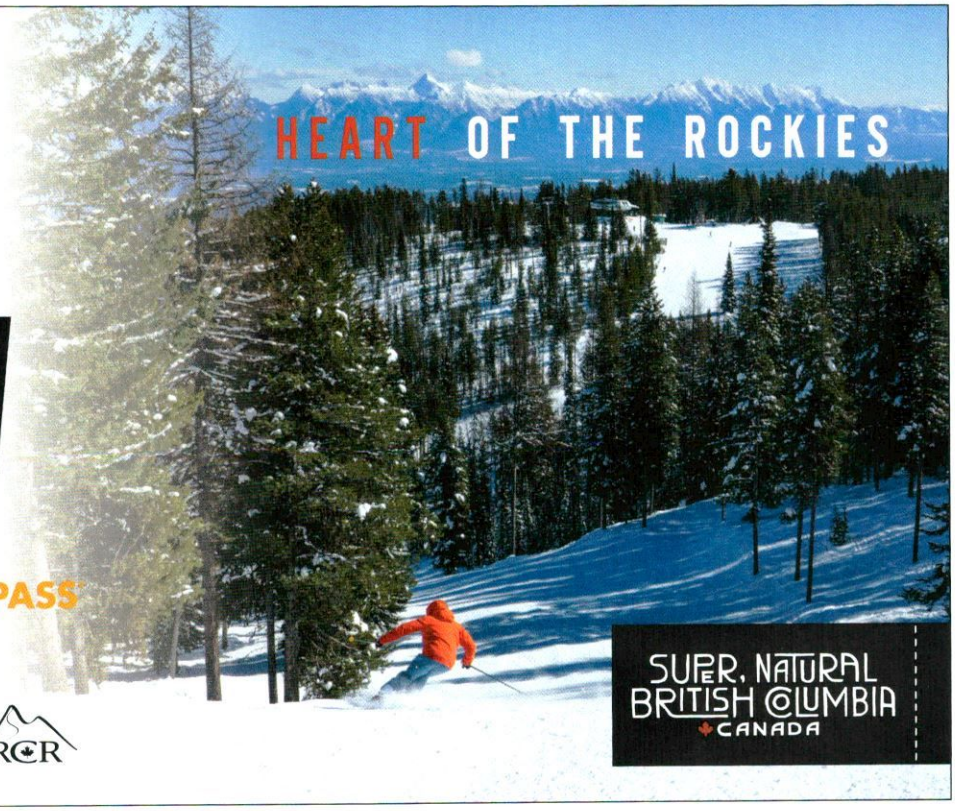
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300 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL

NORDIC SKIING
TERRAIN PARK
FAT TIRE BIKING
SPA
LODGING



The snow-capped peaks of Tamarack Resort call to those in search of a refined resort experience, offering long runs, deep powder, and elevated amenities. Located in the heart of Idaho's West Central mountains, Tamarack is the ultimate destination for winter enthusiasts. Join us as we explore the boundless possibilities of Tamarack's winter-season offerings.

NEW FOR 2023-2024

As a resort that prides itself on its offerings and ease, visitors can expect more of both this winter. Lumberjack Land is a new interactive area on the Waltz run full of characters and sculpted terrain to help youngsters as they gain confidence on the mountain. For visitors coming from distance, like the Inland Northwest, expanded ticketing options that can scale depending on the length of your stay will bring added value and flexibility to your winter getaway. A new ticketing kiosk at the Village Plaza allows guests to skip the line, print a pass and head straight for the lift.

INSIDER TIPS

YEAR-ROUND FUN

Winter may be coming, but warmer weather will follow once again. At Tamarack there's no offseason. The 18-hole, Osprey Meadows championship golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. reopens in July of 2024. Its fairways offer sweeping views of the mountains all the way down to the shores of Lake Cascade. The fun continues onto the lake itself where visitors can rent ski boats, pontoons, kayaks, paddleboards and more. On the mountain, the absence of snow does not mean an



YOUR TICKET TO...

OFF-PISTE ADVENTURE

2,800' VERTICAL DROP

APRÈS-SKI DELIGHTS

THE UNEXPECTED



absence of activity. Mountain bikers replace skiers and boarders during the summer months, ripping down 18 miles of lift-served trails. Tamarack can connect visitors with experiences away from the resort as well, such as whitewater rafting on the Payette River or guided fishing trips for those looking for a more relaxed stay on the water.



LIFT TICKETS: ELEVATE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Experience the thrill of a 2,800-foot descent, full of well-maintained runs that cater to all skill levels. Whether you're seeking freshly groomed corduroy or playful off-piste, our various ski and snowboard ticket options, including single-day passes and multi-day packages, allow you to tailor your winter adventure.

EXTENDED STAYS: EMBRACE THE TRANQUILITY



Enhance your winter retreat with an extended visit to Tamarack. With a variety of premium vacation rentals — from cozy cabins to elegant chalets — you'll find the perfect place to unwind after a day in the outdoors. Stay longer, explore more, and savor the serenity of our mountain haven.

ALL-SEASON BOUNDLESS PASSES: UNLOCK UNLIMITED ACCESS

For those who crave boundless adventure, the Tamarack All-Season Boundless Pass offers unlimited access to our winter escape. Ski or snowboard to your heart's content, explore the Nordic trails, and take in the enchanting beauty of the surrounding wilderness. The All-Season Boundless Pass unlocks adventure all year long, making every day an opportunity for discovery.

MOUNTAIN-MODERN AMENITIES: SERENE ESCAPES

Discover a world of amenities designed to make your stay at Tamarack one to remember. Our spa offers a place for relaxation and rejuvenation, while our carefully curated dining options delight your senses with alpine-inspired cuisine. Unwind by cozy fireplaces, find gear for your next adventure, or discover an authentic community at one of our resort events.

THE TAMARACK EXPERIENCE: WHERE REFINED LEISURE MEETS ADVENTURE



At Tamarack Resort, we welcome all winter enthusiasts to explore the possibilities. Whether you're seeking the thrill of the slopes, the tranquility of our cozy vacation rentals, or the boundless exploration of the great outdoors, Tamarack offers an unforgettable winter experience. Join us this winter season and discover your escape at Tamarack Resort.



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ELEVATION
BASE 5348 FT

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97 RUNS
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9% NOVICE

4 LIFTS
1 HANDLE TOW

480 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL

ALPINE SKIING
NORDIC SKIING
BACK COUNTRY SKIING
LODGING



Deep in British Columbia's Kootenay region exists a one-of-a-kind experience. For those with a passion for epic winters, in a most unique and authentic setting, there is a place. Paradise is found in alpine bowls of bottomless powder, gladed trees as far as your gaze can stretch, and abundant natural hits to keep you smiling long past the last chair. Located just a 20-minute drive from the City of Nelson, BC, which features over 40 restaurants, a thriving arts and culture scene, an abundance of accommodations, hot springs, and a winter vibe second to none.

NEW FOR 2023-2024

The brand-new Raven / Yutlx^{w} / Qukin chair is a fixed-grip quad that adds over 123 additional acres of steep and deep skiing as well as 14 new groomed and gladed runs. This new chairlift will move as many as 1,600 people per hour, taking guests from the main base area to the top of the Silver King Ridge and bringing an increased amount of vertical to the resort. The Raven chair will also be a welcome addition for beginner skiers and riders as it will reduce usage of the existing chairlifts.

INSIDER TIPS

SLOPESIDE ACCOMMODATIONS

Whitewater has also opened the Hummingbird Lodge & Campground its newest homebase for avalanche education courses and backcountry rentals. Offering a licensed café, general store, 10 RV campsites, and a rentable boutique, two-bedroom private suite, this is your brand new hub for winter exploration and on-mountain accommodations, giving you front-door access to nature's playground.



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BASE 4116 FT

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10% NOVICE

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4 QUADS
6 SURFACE

237 INCHES ANNUAL SNOWFALL

- ALPINE SKIING
- NORDIC SKIING
- TERRAIN PARK
- SNOW SHOEING
- FAT TIRE BIKING



Canada's second-largest ski resort is calling your name with boundless skiable terrain — 4,270 acres to be precise. Not one, not two, but three mountains each with a personality of their own. A choose-your-own-adventure mashup of deep steeps, powder-choked glades and award-winning groomers. With such vast terrain, Sun Peaks gives you room to let it rip on uncrowded runs with no lift lines lurking at the bottom. The "three peaks" surround a European-style village where you can ski between lodging and lifts, bars and restaurants, with local shops in between. The resort also has an abundance of winter activities and events both on and off the slopes, from Nordic skiing to dog sledding and more. Ski what you've been missing.

NEW FOR 2023-2024

Sun Peaks is the perfect place to make family memories that will last a lifetime. It's a place where kids can learn at their own pace or enjoy the challenges of a top-to-bottom terrain park. Brand new for 2023-24 is a kids' adventure zone, the Bears' Lair, which includes a skiable area specially made for little shredders. Once kids enter through the Bears' Lair secret entrance, they'll discover different bear characters hiding throughout the forest, ending with a photo op sign to help capture the fun.

INSIDER TIPS

SPEED AND SAVINGS

No lift lines. No crowds. Here at Sun Peaks, wait times are measured in seconds, not minutes, and it's common to enjoy a run all to yourself. Take advantage of the strong exchange rate and discounted tickets when you buy online, in advance, or hit the slopes with your Ikon Pass or Mountain Collective pass.



visit Spokane

WINTER STARTS HERE



Rose Noble, *Visit Spokane CEO*

When the snow flies, Spokane comes alive — with amazing arts events, restaurants, pubs and shopping. But thanks to its geography, it's a great place to get away to for another big reason as well.

"Spokane is a must-visit winter destination," says Rose Noble, CEO of Visit Spokane," from downtown ice-skating and shopping local-makers to cozy lodging and a top-notch food scene. But here's the surprise: Spokane is also a gateway to world-class skiing!"

There are massive, powder-filled resorts within an hour or two of Spokane, along with others a little farther out, even up into Canada. So you can make Spokane your beginning and end of vacation destination, or you can stay in Spokane and drive up to ski each morning. And no matter what kind of trip it is — a family adventure, a couple on a getaway or a group of old friends getting back together — Spokane has you covered on the winter sports front and for all the finer, apres-ski attractions. *





A FAMILY ADVENTURE

Your kids will love all there is to do beyond skiing. A stay at the **BEST WESTERN PLUS SPOKANE NORTH** puts you even closer to places like **MT. SPOKANE** and **49° NORTH**, where they can grab a lesson if needed.

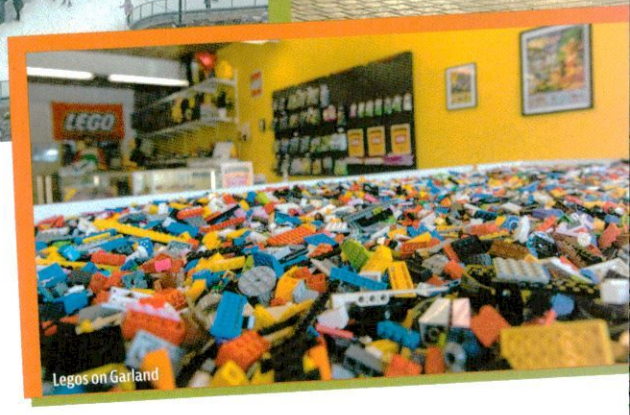
Kids are scientifically known to crave pizza and pasta, and two great choices are **TOMATO STREET** in North Spokane and **DAVID'S PIZZA** on the North Bank of the Spokane River by **RIVERFRONT PARK**, where they can also enjoy the **ICE RIBBON** and **THE LOOFF CARROUSEL**. Next door to David's, you'll find the Wonder Building, with **UNO MAS TACO SHOP** and **VICTORY BURGER**. During the holidays, watch for the **WONDER MARKET**, with crafts and specialty foods for sale.

Kids love Legos, and Spokane has two Lego stores — **LEGOS ON GARLAND** and the new corporate **LEGO STORE** in downtown Spokane. And let's face it, Legos are the plastic cousins of the cyber building blocks of Minecraft. Through Dec. 31, you can visit **MINECRAFT: THE EXHIBITION** at the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, with full-size renderings and computers where kids can play.

After all that, it's back up to the hotel, where they have an indoor pool and hot tub to get the kids ready for a good night's sleep. ✱


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Legos on Garland

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WINTER STARTS HERE

A ROMANTIC GETAWAY



SIX at the FIC
Photo by Joan Marcus

Spokane has all you need for a perfect mid-winter escape with a special someone — but don't forget your skis! Check into the sleek, modern DAVENPORT GRAND HOTEL, which is walking distance to all you need. Build your trip around a day on the slopes — just take I-90 all the way to SILVER MOUNTAIN in Kellogg, or a little farther to LOOKOUT PASS.

Back in Spokane, indulge your shopping and dining urges. RIVER PARK SQUARE has a great mix of one-of-a-kind local shops and big national brands. Add a charm to your bracelet from PANDORA to remember the trip, and embrace the active lifestyle at ATHLETA.

With all that shopping, don't forget to take a break. Right there in River Park Square you'll find WHIM WINE BAR, with a selection of Washington wines, along with appetizers and pizza. Caffeine? Nearby you'll find INDABA COFFEE for a pick-you-up. For dinner, you can't go wrong with THE ITALIAN KITCHEN and its authentic Billy Joel vibes.

You could build your visit around the Broadway musical about Henry VIII's unfortunate wives, SIX, playing at the FIC on Jan. 23-28. (Right across the street from the Grand Hotel!) Or Feb. 22 through March 2, it's INLANDER RESTAURANT WEEK, with prix fixe specials at the region's top restaurants. *



Davenport Grand Hotel



Molé

OLD FRIENDS GET-TOGETHER

Getting the gang back together is always a good idea, and in Spokane it's easy to pair it with skiing or snowboarding. Stay at TRU BY HILTON SPOKANE VALLEY or the brand-new RIVER TOWER AT NORTHERN QUEST, where nightlife is just outside your door. Get an early start up to SCHWEITZER, with world-class amenities and postcard views.

Back in town, try the local brews: IRON GOAT BREWING, which celebrates the iconic Garbage Goat; BRICK WEST BREWING features a huge outdoor space; and NO-LI BREWHOUSE has both its brewpub and a Bier Hall next door. For a memorable meal, jump over to Kendall Yards for elevated Oaxacan food at MOLÉ.

Make time to experience Spokane's vintage scene. At BOULEVARD MERCANTILE, multiple vendors offer everything from home decor to old concert t-shirts to vinyl records. At TELEPORT VINTAGE + CO. you can even grab a beer while you browse.

If you visit around the holidays, the WSU COUGARS men's basketball team will take on Boise State at the Spokane Arena on Dec. 21. The SPOKANE COMEDY CLUB always has something hilarious on tap: Tim Meadows will perform Dec. 29-30. Even in the winter, you can work on your swing right by your hotel. At Northern Quest, you have the TOPGOLF SWING SUITE, and out in Spokane Valley, check out SWING LOUNGE. That way the gang will be ready to reunite again for golf in the summer. *

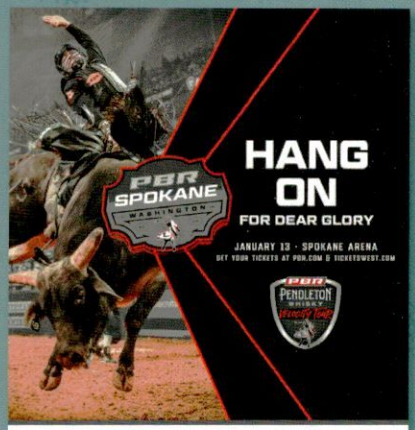


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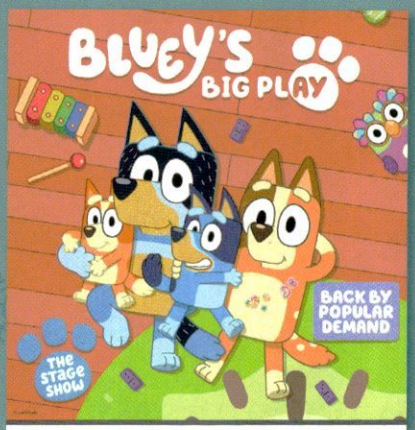
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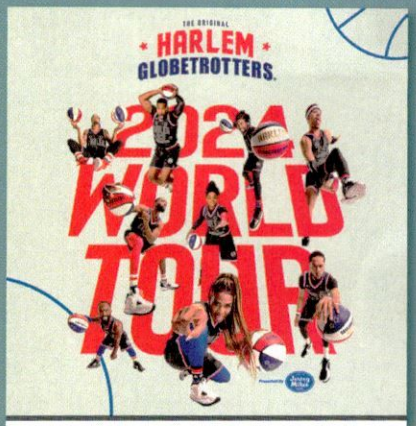
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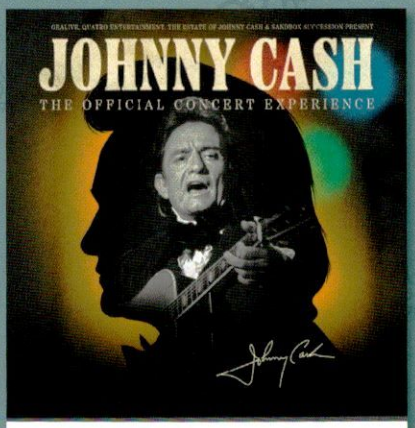
Bluey's Big Play
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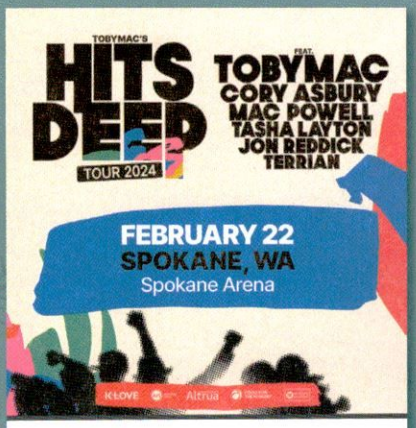
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SPOKANE ARENA
January 29



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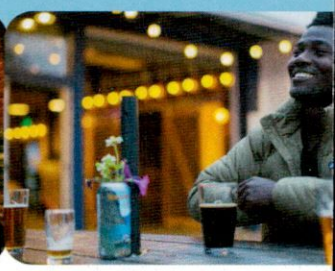
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